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REFS: (A) CCG/A(77)2, (B) STATE 26359, (C) USNATO 680

1. DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS OF SAFEGUARD CLAUSE FOR
INTERIM SALARY ADJUSTMENT (AGENDA ITEM III OF REF A) WAS
DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT FEBRUARY CCG MEETING.

(A.) SECRETARIES-GENERAL REP INTERPRETED 135TH
REPORT TO MEAN THAT IF ANY ADJUSTMENT PAID IN EXCESS OF
ACTUAL AMOUNT LATER INDICATED BY GENERAL REVIEW, ORGANI-
ZATIONS WOULD REDUCE ACTUAL COL FIGURE TO AMOUNT
JUSTIFIED BY GENERAL REVIEW. HOWEVER, IF THERE HAS
BEEN AN OVERPAYMENT, SEC-GEN REP DID NOT INTERPRET
SAFEGUARD CLAUSE TO INDICATE ANY OVERPAYMENT WOULD BE
COLLECTED.

(B.) NATIONAL REPS, LED BY DUTCH, BELIEVED 135TH
REPORT DIRECTED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEDUCT ACTUAL OVER-
PAYMENT FROM AMOUNT DICTATED BY GENERAL REVIEW. FURTHER
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DISCUSSION OF ITEM WAS POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING,
SINCE BY THEN AMOUNT OF GENERAL INCREASE AND PRACTICAL
EFFECTS -- IF ANY-- WILL BE KNOWN. DUTCH REP., IN
THIS CASE FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INDICATED THAT IF NO
COLLECTION OF OVERPAYMENTS WERE MADE, DUTCH WOULD NOT
APPROVE ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR INTERIM COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS.

2. AGENDA ITEM IV - EXPATRIATION ALLOWANCE ENTITLEMENT.
GROUP EXPRESSED GENERAL APPROVAL OF WORKING PARTY
REPORT CCG/W(76)50 AND CHAIRMAN AGREED TO PREPARE DRAFT
REPORT TO COUNCILS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT CCG
MEETING.

3. NO DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM V, PROTECTION OF
EXPATRIATE STAFF AGAINST CURRENCY RATE FLUCTUATIONS.
PAPER NOT YET AVAILABLE AND WE UNDERSTAND SEC-GENS HAVE
NOT AGREED ON WORDING OF DOCUMENT TO BE PRESENTED.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ITEM VI (JOINT ADMIN UNIT FOR
PENSION SYSTEM) POSTPONED TO MARCH MEETING WHEN SEC-
GEN REP ANNOUNCED THAT SEC-GENS WERE MEETING SOON AND
WOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE THEIR WISHES BEFORE MARCH CCG
MEETING. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ESTABLISHING
WORKING PARTY TO STUDY JOINT ADMIN UNIT CALLS FOR
FINAL REPORT TO CCG BY SEPTEMBER 1. UP TO NOW SEC-GENS
REP HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO MOVE VERY SLOWLY ON THIS
ITEM.

5. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, NATO REP REQUESTED GROUP TO
DISCUSS TWO SUB-POINTS (H) AND (I) OF PO/77/13 (REF-
TELS B AND C). DESPITE NATO REP'S STRONG INSISTENCE
THAT GROUP REFER WHOLE MATTER TO WORKING PARTY, A QUICK
CANVAS OF NATIONAL REPS INDICATED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR
CLOSING THE DOOR ON (H) AND REFERRING ONLY (I) TO
WORKING PARTY. AFTER NATO REP NEARLY REACHED BOILING
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POINT, CHAIRMAN MASSBERG DEFERRED DISCUSSION ON WHOLE
ITEM TO MARCH MEETING. US REP'S FEELING IS THAT GATE
CAN BE SWUNG FIRMLY SHUT ON (H) AT MARCH MEETING:
HOWEVER, MOST NATIONAL REPS FAVORED REFERRING (I) TO
CCG WORKING PARTY 11 WHICH WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO
REPORT BACK TO CCG BY APRIL MEETING.
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